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Section: Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents

SUBJECT: Geographic Waiver

REFERENCES: 7 CFR 273.7, Food Stamp Act Section 6 (D)(2)

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2008

INTRODUCTION: The following counties have been granted a waiver of the ABAWD provisions effective August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009.

Big Horn	Golden Valley	Glacier
Lincoln	Mineral	Musselshell
Petroleum	Pondera	Roosevelt
Rosebud	Sanders	

The following Reservations have been granted a waiver of the ABAWD provisions effective August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2009.

Blackfeet Agency	Crow Agency
Fort Belknap Agency	Fort Peck Agency
Northern Cheyenne Agency	Rocky Boy's Agency
The portion of Flathead Reservation that resides in Sanders County.	

Notice of Adverse Action must be provided to individuals who have exhausted their ABAWD months in counties that no longer have a geographic exemption. Counties losing the ABAWD geographic exemption are Lake, Liberty, Powder River, Prairie and Wibaux Counties. The Flathead Reservation no longer has a geographic exemption.

All counties must enter a case note when any adult in a food stamp household is an ABAWD and if an ABAWD exemption is applicable.

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